

PATENT APPLICATION

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Remarks

Reexamination and reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested. Claims 1-45 remain in the application. No new claims have been added or canceled.

Applicant believes there is no charge for this response because no new claims have been added.

Objection to Applicant's amendment filed on 5-25-01

The Office Action objected to the Applicant's amendment filed on June 25, 2001 because it did not comply with 37 CFR 51.73(b)(1)(2). In particular, the Office Action indicated that each added paragraph in the specification must be underlined and each added claim (claims 23 and 34) must also be underlined.

As indicated above, Applicant has resubmitted the amendment to the specification above and underlined the paragraph being added to the specification. A clean version of the text is also provided in accordance with 37 CFR 51.121.

With respect to the objection of claims 23 and 34, Applicant would like to kindly point out that the amendment file on June 25, 2001 was not intending to add claims 23 and 34. Rather, claims 23 and 34 were added to this application with the preliminary amendment filed on January 26, 2001. Please note that the preliminary amendment did have claims 23 and 34 underlined. The amendment filed on June 25, 2001 was intended to make a change to claims 23 and 34 as they were originally filed with the application.

Consequently, Applicant believes that 37 CFR 51.173 requires that we only underline the portion of the claim that is being added, and thus, underlining the whole claim would be inappropriate. Applicant is willing to submit the amendment as requested by the Examiner, however, before submitting claims 23 and 34 as they

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were presented in the amendment of June 25, 2001 with the whole claim underlined, Applicant would like to confirm that this is in fact what the Office Action is requesting. Applicant is concerned that re-submitting claim 23 and 34 with the entire claim underlined might cause further confusion regarding what was being changed with these claims with Applicant's response filed on June 25, 2001.

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Conclusion

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2002, and it is submitted that claims 1-45 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested. Allowance of claims 1-16 and 23-40 is earnestly solicited.

Should it be determined that an additional fee is due under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17, or any excess fee has been received, please charge that fee or credit the amount of overcharge to deposit account #02-2666.

If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities which can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at (480) 554-9732 is respectfully solicited.

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